



## **Jeff Payne Named Dayton Fire Chief**

PAYNE HAS A 25-YEAR CAREER WITH THE DAYTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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City Manager Tim Riordan has announced that Jeffrey L. Payne is the newly appointed Director and Chief of the Dayton Fire Department. Payne, who has served as Interim Director and Chief since July 1, 2013, will assume the position effective immediately.

A public swearing-in ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m., in the City Commission Chambers (101 W. Third St., second floor).

Payne has devoted his 25-year firefighting career exclusively to the Dayton Fire Department. As Fire Director and Chief, he is responsible for 353 personnel (including firefighters, paramedics, EMTs and support staff) and an annual budget of approximately \$36 million.

Payne joined the Dayton Fire Department in 1989 as a firefighter, was promoted to Lieutenant in 1996 and to Captain in 2002. He has served as Assistant Chief of Emergency Services since 2008. Payne earned an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology at Sinclair Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Management Technology at Franklin University. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.



"Jeff Payne has already served the Dayton community with dedication and distinction," said Riordan. "Residents and businesses will continue to experience first quality emergency services through his leadership at the Dayton Fire Department."

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